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1. CU/EE APPRECIATES REFTEL CONTAINING EMBASSY SUGGESTIONS FOR CU FY 78 PROGRAM. WE UNDERSTAND DIFFICULTY IN ATTEMPTING TO PLAN TWO YEARS AHEAD, PARTICULARLY IN ABSENCE OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT. NEVERTHELESS WE FOUND THE REFTEL USEFUL, AND FOLLOWING COMMENTS ARE SUBMITTED FOR EMBASSY CONSIDERATION.

2. AMERICAN LECTURERS: AS EMBASSY AWARE, CZECHOSLOVAKS ARE LIKELY TO REQUEST RECIPROCITY FOR ANY LECTURER EXCHANGES AGREED TO AFTER SIGNING OF THE EXCHANGE AGREEMENT. WHILE IN PRINCIPLE WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO ADDING THIRD AMERICAN LECTURER IN BRNO, THIS MAY ALSO MEAN FUNDING THREE CZECHOSLOVAK LECTURERS IN THE US. CU/EE HAS BEEN CONDUCTING RECIPROCAL EXCHANGES OF LECTURERS WITH THE USSR, ROMANIA AND YUGOSLAVIA. BASED ON THIS EXPERIENCE WE ANTICIPATE THAT

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COSTS TO PARTIALLY FUND CZECHOSLOVAK LECTURERS IN THE US AT

DOLS 10,000 OR MORE PER LECTURER. TOTAL COST OF EXCHANG-  
ING ONE US AND ONE CZECHOSLOVAK LECTURER COULD THEREFORE BE  
MORE THAN DOLS 27,000. EMBASSY SHOULD CONSIDER WHETHER  
RESULTS TO BE GAINED ARE WORTH THE COST OF ADDING THE THIRD

LECTURER. IN THIS CONNECTION WE POINT OUT THAT DOLS 27,000  
WILL FUND ABOUT 10 CZECHOSLOVAK IV'S IN THE US.

3. ENGLISH TEACHING SEMINARS: BEGINNING WITH SUMMER OF  
1977 CU WILL NO LONGER PROVIDE AMSPEC GRANTS FOR LECTURERS  
IN ENGLISH TEACHING SEMINARS. WE WILL, HOWEVER, EXTEND  
FULBRIGHT LECTURERS CURRENTLY IN EUROPE (EAST OR WEST) FOR  
THE ADDITIONAL PERIOD REQUIRED FOR SUMMER SEMINARS. ANY  
OTHER LECTURERS DESIRED BY THE EMBASSY SHOULD BE FUNDED  
FROM GOE. - - -

4. CZECH ENGLISH TEACHERS IN THE US: THIS ALSO WOULD  
HAVE TO BE A RECIPROCAL PROGRAM, WITH AN EQUIVALENT NUMBER  
OF US STUDENTS OF CZECH. THIS WOULD ADD ANOTHER DOLS  
15,000 FOR TRAVEL OF THE US PARTICIPANTS, AND DOLS 5,000  
TO 10,000 FOR SELECTION, ADMINISTRATION AND OVERHEAD.  
TOTAL PROGRAM THEREFORE COULD RUN AS HIGH AS DOLS 40,000  
TO 50,000. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO RECONSIDER WHETHER SUCH A  
PROGRAM WOULD BE WORTH THE COST.

5. PARTIAL GRANT ASSISTANCE FOR CZECHOSLOVAKS TO THE US:  
UNDER EXCHANGE AGREEMENT WE WILL SEEK PROCEDURE FOR SEND-  
ING SIDE TO PAY INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL OF ALL ITS PARTICI-  
PANTS, WHICH SHOULD BE FEASIBLE SINCE CZECHOSLOVAK AIRLINES  
FLIES TO NEW YORK. WE ARE THEREFORE NOT PREPARED TO PRO-  
VIDE TRAVEL GRANTS FOR CZECHOSLOVAKS. WE WOULD, HOWEVER,  
BE WILLING TO CONSIDER PARTIAL ASSISTANCE FOR COSTS IN THE  
US IN SPECIAL CASES.

6. INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM: YOUR REQUEST FOR SIX  
IVP GRANTS APPEARS TOO LOW, CONSIDERING THE LOW COST AND  
HIGH POTENTIAL EFFECTIVENESS OF THIS PROGRAM. FYI: EMBASSY  
BUDAPEST HAS BEEN EXTREMELY PLEASED WITH ITS NASCENT IVP  
PROGRAM THIS YEAR AND IS GIVING HIGHEST PRIORITY TO THIS  
PROGRAM IN NEXT TWO YEARS.

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7. AMERICAN SPECIALISTS: IN NEGOTIATING PROGRAM OF  
EXCHANGE, WE WILL SEEK SOME, BUT NOT NECESSARILY EXACT,  
RECIPROCITY FOR AMERICAN SPECIALISTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN  
EXCHANGE FOR IVP GRANTS FOR CZECHOSLOVAKS. WE ARE PREPARED  
TO SEND EQUIVALENT NUMBER OF AMSPECS (ALTHOUGH NOT NECESSA-  
RILY EQUIVALENT NUMBER OF PERSON-MONTHS). HERE AGAIN WE  
WOULD WANT SENDING SIDE TO PAY INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL FOR

IV AND AMSPEC PROGRAMS.

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8. TO EXTENT THAT IT DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS, WE SUGGEST EMBASSY CONTINUE TO SOUND OUT CZECHOSLOVAKS ON THEIR PROGRAM INTERESTS IN IMPLEMENTING THE AGREEMENT. BECAUSE OF LONG LEAD TIME IN THE BUDGET-

ARY PROCESS CU, TO EXTENT POSSIBLE, SHOULD HAVE SOME IDEA OF WHAT IT MAY BE ASKED TO FUND A YEAR IN ADVANCE. WITHOUT ADVANCE BUDGETARY PLANNING THERE MAY NOT BE FUNDS AVAILABLE TO IMMEDIATELY IMPLEMENT THOSE PROGRAMS WHICH WE AND THE CZECHOSLOVAKS MAY AGREE TO NEXT WINTER. WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING THIS DIALOGUE WITH THE EMBASSY. KISSINGER

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